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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP PLAN OF WORK FOR SEPTEMBER
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1. DEPT BELIEVES THAT SCHEDULE FOR WORK ON NAMIBIA DURING
SEPTEMBER 1977 PRESENTED REFTEL SATISFIES EVIDENT REQUIRE-
MENT FOR RAPID ACTION ON THIS ISSUE. DIVISION OF LABOR
AMONG MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP PRESERVES CONCEPT OF JOINT
UNDERTAKING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING COPIES OF DRAFT

DOCUMENTS.

2. IN VIEW COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES AND SUBSTANTIAL GAP BETWEEN PARTIES ON KEY POINTS SUCH AS WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE AND INTRODUCTION OF UN PRESENCE, WE BELIEVE THAT PROXIMITY TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AND SWAPO DELEGATIONS PRESENT IN NEW YORK OFFER BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS WITHIN TIME FRAME OUTLINED REFTEL. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT SCHEDULE REFTEL COULD BE REVISED TO ALLOW FOR FOLLOWING:

A) AS SOON AS FULL PACKAGE APPROVED IN CAPITALS, IT WOULD BE PRESENTED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO SOUTH AFRICANS, FRONT-LINE

STATES, NIGERIANS, AND SWAPO. THIS COULD BE DONE BY CONTACT GROUP EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS ON BASIS OF TALKING POINTS PREPARED IN NEW YORK AND APPROVED IN CAPITALS;

B) AT TIME OF INITIAL BRIEFING, SOUTH AFRICANS AND SWAPO WOULD BE INVITED TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO NEW YORK (OR WASHINGTON) DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 25-29 FOR SERIES OF PROXIMITY TALKS AIMED AT REACHING GENERAL CONSENSUS PREPARATORY TO SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION. IN VIEW GOALS OF THESE TALKS, WE SHOULD STRESS THAT DELEGATIONS BE AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, I.E., BOTHA FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND NUJOMA FOR SWAPO.

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3. AS INDICATED REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT ENTIRE PACKAGE SHOULD BE HANDED OVER AT SAME TIME AND THAT PIECemeAL PRESENTATION OF ELEMENTS OF PACKAGE AS THEY ARE APPROVED WOULD BE UNWISE.

4. WE PREFER NEW YORK AS SITE OF PROXIMITY TALKS SINCE IT IS NEUTRAL GROUND AND, AS SUCH, WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO SWAPO THAN WASHINGTON. MOREOVER, HOLDING TALKS IN WASHINGTON WOULD TEND TO OVER EMPHASIZE TH: U.S. ROLE IN NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

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